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**RIDLEY-THOMAS LEADS BOARD IN PROCLAIMING OCTOBER
'URBAN LEAGUE MOVEMENT MONTH' IN LA COUNTY**

LOS ANGELES -- Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today led the Board of Supervisors in proclaiming October "Urban League Movement Month", celebrating the Los Angeles branch's efforts over the year to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights for all County residents.

The Supervisor praised Branch President Blair H. Taylor, whose organization is one of the largest and most successful affiliates of the National Urban League.

The organization works to advance equal opportunities for African Americans and other minority youths and adults through innovative job training, job placement, youth achievement and business development programs

Next year will mark the 100th anniversary of the National Urban League. The Los Angeles Urban League will sponsor events throughout the month of October to celebrate Urban League Movement Month.

"I know that the Los Angeles Urban League will continue to be a valued source of service and commitment for the citizens of Los Angeles," the Supervisor said. "As cities around the country continue to face major economic and social challenges, the Urban League is still on the frontline providing assistance to those in need."

Through its collective programs, services and advocacy activities and its seven offices located in the Crenshaw District, South Los Angeles and Pomona, the Los Angeles Urban League serves more than 100,000 constituents annually.

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